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REMARKS

The courtesies shown applicant's attorney during the telephone interview held after the foregoing claim amendments were informally presented are gratefully acknowledged, even though agreement was not reached. Applicant's attorney did not understand how the Examiner was reading the claim language until his position was more fully set out in the Final Rejection. The foregoing amendment more clearly states the feature that is believed to be distinguishing. However the Examiner took the position during the phone interview that he still felt the claim language was anticipated. However he also stated that if certain claims were rewritten in independent form they would be allowable.

Applicant does not believe that the clarified claim language is anticipated, but if the Examiner still feels as stated during the interview, he is solicited to enter the amendment as it will clarify the issue on appeal and should result in the Examiner's agreement that at least some claims are allowable and would thus reduce the issues on appeal without raising any new issue, as it merely avoids a misunderstanding between the claim meaning between the Examiner and the undersigned.

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